

# Supreme Court of Texas

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Misc. Docket No. 26-9044

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## Preliminary Approval of Amendments to Rule 3 of the Rules of the Judicial Branch Certification Commission

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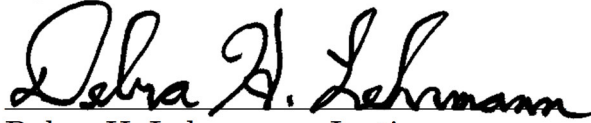
**ORDERED** that:

1. The Court preliminarily approves amendments to Rule 3 of the Rules of the Judicial Branch Certification Commission, as set forth in this order.
2. Comments regarding the proposed amendments should be submitted in writing to [rulescomments@txcourts.gov](mailto:rulescomments@txcourts.gov) by August 1, 2026.
3. The Court will issue an order finalizing the amendments after the close of the comment period. The Court may change the amendments in response to public comments. The Court expects the amendments take effect October 1, 2026.
4. The Clerk is directed to:
  - a. file a copy of this order with the Secretary of State;
  - b. cause a copy of this order to be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by publication in the *Texas Bar Journal*.
  - c. send a copy of this order to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and each elected member of the Legislature; and
  - d. submit a copy of this order for publication in the *Texas Register*.

Dated: June 12, 2026.



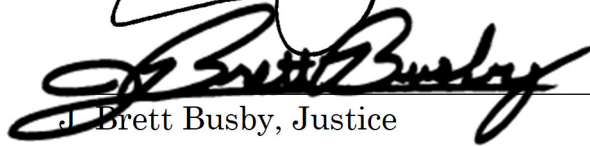
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Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



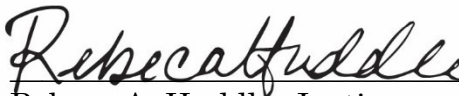
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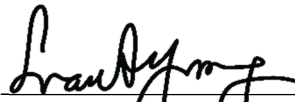
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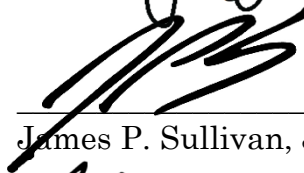
Jane N. Bland, Justice



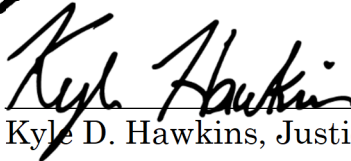
Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice



Evan A. Young, Justice



James P. Sullivan, Justice



Kyle D. Hawkins, Justice

## **3.0 Certification, Registration, and Licensing**

### **3.1 Work Authorization**

To be eligible for certification, registration, or licensure or renewed certification, registration, or licensure, an applicant must be authorized to work lawfully in the United States.

#### **3.12 Initial Applications**

- (a) All certification, registration, and license applications must be submitted through the Commission's online certification, registration, and licensing system on the Commission's website. An applicant must comply with submission requirements stated on the application form. Incomplete applications will not be processed.
- (b) An applicant must provide the Commission with his or her Texas and national criminal history records by fingerprint search according to directions published on the Commission's website. The criminal history searches must be conducted after an application is submitted.

#### **3.23 Renewal Applications**

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- (c) All certification, registration, and license renewal applications, including continuing education reporting, must be submitted through the Commission's online certification, registration, and licensing system on the Commission's website. A regulated person must comply with submission requirements stated on the renewal form. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

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#### **3.34 Endorsement; Reciprocity**

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| **3.45** Alternative Application Procedure for Military Spouses,  
Military Service Member, and Veterans

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| **3.56** Eligibility for Persons with Criminal History

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| **3.67** Denial of Application; Reconsideration

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| **3.78** Examination Security

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| **3.89** Examination Fee Refund

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| **3.910** Access to Examinations and Examination on Religious  
Holy Days

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| **3.101** Examination Results

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| **3.112** Responsibilities of Regulated Persons

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| **3.123** Voluntary Surrender of Certification, Registration, or  
License

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| **3.1~~3~~4 Two-year License Term**

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| **3.1~~4~~5 Reissuance after Disciplinary Sanction**

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